

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) An overpressure valve (10; 10a; 40) for a packaging container (5), comprising

a cup-shaped, rigid holder body (11; 11a; 50), having a raised peripheral region (13; 13a) extending all the way around and the top side of which can be joined to a length (3) of packaging material that forms an inside (2) of the packaging container (5), and a middle region (12) having at least one through passage (19, 20; 44) for gas embodied therein, and

a valve diaphragm (22; 22a; 48), which closes the at least one passage (19, 20; 44) in the holder body (11; 11a; 50) up to a defined overpressure in the packaging container (5) and opening the passage (19, 20; 44) in the event of an overpressure to form a conduit for the outflow of gas which escapes from the packaging container (5) via at least one opening (4; 38) embodied in the length (3) of packaging material of the packaging container (5) inside the peripheral region (13; 13a),

wherein the holder body (11; 11a; 50) is embodied as a rotationally symmetrical, shallow body; and wherein the valve diaphragm (22; 22a; 48) is embodied in striplike fashion, with two straight edges (24, 25) disposed opposite one another,

the valve diaphragm (22; 22a; 48) being joined in captive fashion to the holder body (11; 11a; 50) and in the middle region (12) having at least one indentation (15; 15a; 42) embodied in the region of the at least one passage (19, 20; 44).

11. **(Previously presented)** The overpressure valve of claim 10, wherein the at least one indentation (15; 15a) has the form of at least two intersecting circles (16, 17), and wherein one passage (19, 20) is embodied substantially at each of the center points of the circles (16, 17).

12. **(Previously presented)** The overpressure valve of claim 10, wherein the indentation (42) has the form of a corporate logo or of a protected design trademark (43).

13. **(Previously presented)** The overpressure valve of claim 10, wherein the valve diaphragm (22; 22a; 48) is joined to the holder body (11; 11a; 50) on at least two opposed sides inside the peripheral region (13; 13a), between which sides the at least one passage (19, 20; 44) is disposed, and between the top side of the valve diaphragm (22; 22a; 48) and the top side of the peripheral region (13; 13a) of the holder body (11; 11a; 50), a spacing (a) is formed, in order to enable the escape of the gas to the at least one opening (4; 38) in the packaging container (5).

14. **(Previously presented)** The overpressure valve of claim 11, wherein the valve diaphragm (22; 22a; 48) is joined to the holder body (11; 11a; 50) on at least two opposed sides inside the peripheral region (13; 13a), between which sides the at least one passage (19,

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20; 44) is disposed, and between the top side of the valve diaphragm (22; 22a; 48) and the top side of the peripheral region (13; 13a) of the holder body (11; 11a; 50), a spacing (a) is formed, in order to enable the escape of the gas to the at least one opening (4; 38) in the packaging container (5).

Claims 15-16. **(Canceled)**

17. **(Currently amended)** The overpressure valve of claim 10, ~~claim 15~~, wherein the valve diaphragm (22; 22a; 48), in its regions (31, 32; 51, 52) joined to the holder body (11; 11a; 50), extends as far as the peripheral regions (13; 13a); and wherein the valve diaphragm (22; 22a; 48), in the regions not joined to the holder body (11; 11a; 50), is spaced apart from the peripheral region (13; 13a) of the holder body (11; 11a; 50), so that at least one passage for the gas is formed.

18. **(Currently amended)** The overpressure valve of claim 14, ~~claim 16~~, wherein the valve diaphragm (22; 22a; 48), in its regions (31, 32; 51, 52) joined to the holder body (11; 11a; 50), extends as far as the peripheral regions (13; 13a); and wherein the valve diaphragm (22; 22a; 48), in the regions not joined to the holder body (11; 11a; 50), is spaced apart from the peripheral region (13; 13a) of the holder body (11; 11a; 50), so that at least one passage for the gas is formed.

19. **(Previously presented)** The overpressure valve of claim 10, further comprising at least one raised area (14) extending all the way around embodied on the top side of the holder

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body (11), in the region where it is joined to the packaging container (5) or the length (3) of material for joining the holder body (11) to the length (3) of material by ultrasonic welding.

20. **(Previously presented)** The overpressure valve of claim 11, further comprising at least one raised area (14) extending all the way around embodied on the top side of the holder body (11), in the region where it is joined to the packaging container (5) or the length (3) of material for joining the holder body (11) to the length (3) of material by ultrasonic welding.

21. **(Previously presented)** The overpressure valve of claim 13, further comprising at least one raised area (14) extending all the way around embodied on the top side of the holder body (11), in the region where it is joined to the packaging container (5) or the length (3) of material for joining the holder body (11) to the length (3) of material by ultrasonic welding.

22. **(Currently amended)** The overpressure valve of claim 10, ~~claim 15~~, further comprising at least one raised area (14) extending all the way around embodied on the top side of the holder body (11), in the region where it is joined to the packaging container (5) or the length (3) of material for joining the holder body (11) to the length (3) of material by ultrasonic welding.

23. **(Previously presented)** The overpressure valve of claim 10, further comprising an adhesive layer (37) is applied to the top side of the holder body (11a), in the region where it is joined to the packaging container (5) or the length (3) of material.

24. **(Previously presented)** The overpressure valve of claim 11, further comprising an adhesive layer (37) is applied to the top side of the holder body (11a), in the region where it is joined to the packaging container (5) or the length (3) of material.

25. **(Previously presented)** The overpressure valve of claim 13, further comprising an adhesive layer (37) is applied to the top side of the holder body (11a), in the region where it is joined to the packaging container (5) or the length (3) of material.

26. **(Currently amended)** The overpressure valve of claim 10, ~~claim 15~~, further comprising an adhesive layer (37) is applied to the top side of the holder body (11a), in the region where it is joined to the packaging container (5) or the length (3) of material.

27. **(Previously presented)** The overpressure valve of claim 17, further comprising an adhesive layer (37) is applied to the top side of the holder body (11a), in the region where it is joined to the packaging container (5) or the length (3) of material.

28. **(Previously presented)** The overpressure valve of claim 10, wherein the indentation (15; 15a; 42) has a depth of approximately 0.2 mm relative to the surface of middle region (12).

29. **(Previously presented)** The overpressure valve of claim 11, wherein the indentation (15; 15a; 42) has a depth of approximately 0.2 mm relative to the surface of middle region (12).

30. **(New)** An overpressure valve (10; 10a; 40) for a packaging container (5), consisting of

a cup-shaped, rigid holder body (11; 11a; 50), having a raised peripheral region (13; 13a) extending all the way around and the top side of which can be joined to a length (3) of packaging material that forms an inside (2) of the packaging container (5), and a middle region (12) having at least one through passage (19, 20; 44) for gas embodied therein, and

a valve diaphragm (22; 22a; 48), which closes the at least one passage (19, 20; 44) in the holder body (11; 11a; 50) up to a defined overpressure in the packaging container (5) and opening the passage (19, 20; 44) in the event of an overpressure to form a conduit for the outflow of gas which escapes from the packaging container (5) via at least one opening (4; 38) embodied in the length (3) of packaging material of the packaging container (5) inside the peripheral region (13; 13a),

the valve diaphragm (22; 22a; 48) being joined in captive fashion to the holder body (11; 11a; 50) and in the middle region (12) having at least one indentation (15; 15a; 42) embodied in the region of the at least one passage (19, 20; 44).